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Application of

KRAMER et al.

Serial No. 09/897,922

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For: USE OF LIPOIC ACID FOR IMPROVING THE BIOAVAILABILITY OF MINERAL  
SALTS

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REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

In response to the office action dated February 24, 2003, applicants respectfully  
request the examiner to enter and consider the following amendments, in accordance  
with 37 CFR 1.116.